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For:

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 10,11-DIHYDRO-5H-

DIBENZO[A,D]CYCLOHEPT-5-ENES AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee for the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 5, 6, 10, 12,13, 14, and 17 as follows:

4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 2 [or 3] wherein R¹, R³ and R⁴ denote hydrogen.

- 5. (Amended) A process as claimed in <u>claim 2</u> [any one of claims 2, 3 or 4] wherein X is nitrogen.
- 6. (Amended) A process as claimed in <u>claim 2</u> [in any preceding claim] in which the aliphatic ketone is cyclic.
- 10. (Amended) A process as claimed in <u>claim 9</u> [any preceding claim] wherein Ti is present in a molar ratio range 1.5:1 to 4:1 relative to the dibenzosuberone.

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